

**The Chairman and Members of
North West Area Committee.**

Meeting: 18th April 2023

Item No: 3

Finglas Area Office Report

Housing (1st – 31st March)

Estate Management

Statistics	March	Year to Date
No. Anti-Social Complaints per 1997 Act - drug related	4	9
No. Anti-Social Complaints per 1997 Act - not drug related	1	7
No. Other Complaints (nuisance)	10	70
No. Racial Harassment Complaints	0	0
TOTAL	15	86

No. Anti-Social Interviews per 1997 Act	14	17
No. Other Interviews	0	22
No. Requests for Mediation	0	0
No. Complaints Referred to Central Est. Mgt. Unit for Action	0	0
TOTAL	14	39

No. Section 20 Evictions	0	1
No. Excluding Orders	0	0
• Applied for by Tenant	0	0
• Applied for by DCC	0	0
• Granted in Court	0	0
• Refused / Failed in court	0	0
• Withdrawn	0	0
No. Surrender of Tenancy due to Anti-Social Behaviour	0	0

No. Tenancy Warnings served	0	0
No. Abandonment Notice Served	0	0
No. Possession Orders requested	0	0
No. Possession Orders granted	0	0
No. Appeals / Judicial Reviews / Challenges	0	0
No. Warrants Executed (Evictions)	0	0
No. H/A of refusal / deferral to let due to Anti-Social Behaviour	0	2

Allocations

Housing & Apartments			
Category	Housing	Transfers	Choice Base Letting
Bands 2 & 3	7	4	7
Medical		4	
Welfare			
Homeless	1		
Travellers	2		
Homeless HAP		1	
De-tenanting			
Estate Management			
Maintenance Grounds			
Surrendering Larger			
Succession			
Total	10	9	7

Senior Citizens			
Category	Housing	Transfers	Choice Base Letting
Bands 2 & 3	1	1	
Medical			
Welfare			
Homeless	1		
Homeless HAP		1	
Travellers			
Estate Management		1	
De-tenanting			
Maintenance Grounds			
Surrendering Larger			
Financial Contribution			
Succession			
Total	2	3	0

Voids Report

Vacant Housing Units (30 in total)				
Address	Type of unit	Date of vacancy	Status	Estimated Completion Date
Abbotstown Drive	3 bed house	16/12/2022	Issued to Contractor On offer	15/04/2023
Ballygall Parade	2 bed maisonette	09/01/2023	Issued to Contractor	05/05/2023
Barry Park	3 bed house	01/02/2023	Issued to Contractor	30/05/2023
Cappagh Avenue	3 bed house	16/03/2023	Issued to Contractor	05/05/2023
Cappagh Avenue	3 bed house	23/01/2023	Issued to Contractor	05/05/2023
Cappagh Drive	2 bed maisonette	14/03/2023	For framework	T.B.C
Cappagh Road	3 bed house	30/03/2023	Issued to Contractor	T.B.C
Casement Drive	2 bed house	20/02/2023	Issued to Contractor	T.B.C
Finglaswood Road	2 bed maisonette	06/01/2023	Issued to Contractor On offer	04/05/2023
Glasanaon Road	2 bed house	12/10/2022	Issued to Contractor	04/05/2023
Gortmore Ave	3 bed house	15/02/2023	Issued to Contractor On offer	30/05/2023
St Pappins Road	3 bed house	19/01/2023	Issued to Contractor On offer	27/06/2023
Valeview Drive	3 bed house	10/02/2023	Issued to Contractor	03/05/2023
Westwood Road	3 bed house	20/02/2023	Issued to Contractor	27/06/2023

Vacant Housing Units (more than 4 months)				
Address	Type of unit	Date of vacancy	Status	Estimated Completion Date
Abbotstown Road	2 bed house	15/03/2022	Delay with Contractor / On offer	Due now
Barry Drive	3 bed house	27/06/2022	Delay with Contractor	02/05/2023
Barry Drive	3 bed house	10/11/2022	Delay with Contractor / On offer	30/04/2023

Barry Park	3 bed house	25/7/2022	Delay with Contractor / On offer	06/04/2023
Berryfield Drive	3 bed house	04/07/2022	Delay with Contractor / On offer	Due now
Cappagh Drive	2 bed maisonette	20/10/2022	Delay with Contractor	05/05/2023
Casement Green	3 bed house	14/07/2022	Delay with Contractor	28/04/2023
Dunsink Drive	3 bed house	13/12/2022	Delay with Contractor / On offer	30/04/2023
Fairlawn Road	3 bed house	09/06/2022	Delay with Contractor	04/05/2023
Fairlawn Road	3 bed house	10/11/2022	Delay with Contractor	30/05/2023
Finglas Park	3 bed house	23/08/2022	Delay with Contractor / On offer	05/05/2023
Finglaswood Road	2 bed maisonette	08/12/2022	Delay with Contractor / On offer	20/06/2023
Mellowes Ave	4 bed house	08/11/2021	Delay with Contractor / On offer	30/04/2023
McKelvey Ave	3 bed house	09/09/2022	Delay with Contractor / On offer	28/04/2023
McKelvey Road	2 bed house	06/12/2022	Delay with Contractor / On offer	28/04/2023
Ratoath Road	3 bed house	23/06/2022	Delay with Contractor / On offer	15/05/2023

Vacant Senior Citizens Units (11 in total)				
Address	Type of unit	Date of vacancy	Status	Estimated Completion Date
Brookville Court	1 bed unit	22/02/2023	On offer	18/04/2023
Deanstown Court	1 bed unit	01/03/2023	On offer	09/04/2023
Glasanaon Court	1 bed unit	12/01/2023	On offer	26/04/2023
Glasaree Court	1 bed unit	14/03/2023	Issued to Contractor	14/05/2023
Mellowes Court	1 bed unit	24/03/2023	Issued to Contractor	24/06/2023
Mellowes Court	1 bed unit	09/01/2023	On offer	14/04/2023
Merville Court	1 bed unit	30/03/2023	Issued to Contractor	T.B.C

Vacant Senior Citizen Units (more than 4 months)				
Address	Type of unit	Date of vacancy	Status	Estimated Completion Date
Mellowes Court	Bedsit	04/07/2022	Delay with Contractor / On offer	16/04/2023
Mellowes Court	Bedsit	15/11/2022	1 Refusal to date. Awaiting Garda check for next applicant	Ready
Merville Court	1 bed unit	21/10/2022	Delay with Contractor / On offer	14/04/2023
Merville Court	1 bed unit	13/12/2022	Delay with Contractor / On offer	14/04/2023

Choice Based Lettings

- The following dwellings were advertised through the above scheme.

Type of Dwelling	Location	Closing Date	No of applicants eligible	No of applicants not eligible
3 bed house	9 Berryfield Drive	03/03/2023	56	23
2 bed maisonette	25 Finglaswood Road	03/03/2023	73	22
3 bed house	150 Kippure Park	03/03/2023	70	26
3 bed house	19 Abbotstown Drive	24/03/2023	74	21
3 bed house	49 Fairlawn Road	24/03/2023	45	14
3 bed house	44 Barnamore Park	24/03/2023	104	30
3 bed house	19 Dunsink Drive	31/03/2023	61	19
3 bed house	27 Barry Drive	31/03/2023	101	13
2 bed house	43 Finglas Road	31/03/2023	45	10

Rents Update

- The Finglas Area Office continues to offer rent assessment service for tenants living in the Finglas area.

Assessments	536
Applications for Permission to Reside	12
Refunds	6

Community & Social Development

Seamus Ennis Event

The Community & Social Development Section (CSDS) is organising a small number of events to celebrate and acknowledge the contribution Seamus Ennis made to Irish music.

To create awareness and promote the work of Seamus Ennis the CSDS has invited local schools to participate in "Piper's Day". Niamh Landale a 15-year-old piper will visit schools to speak about Seamus Ennis and to give a demonstration of the uilleann pipes.

To date two schools have applied and the team will reconnect with the schools after the Easter holidays.

The Area Office in conjunction with the Seamus Ennis Centre in The Naul, Co. Dublin will host a musical, storytelling and poetry event in Erin's Isle on the 10th May at 7.00 pm.

This will be a ticketed event, tickets will be available free of charge from the Seamus Ennis Arts Centre website.

Finglas Racing Pigeon Club

The Finglas Racing Pigeon Club are looking at ways to support older member's access the club as well as encouraging new members. Internally the facility needs a lot of work, disability toilets are required as well as an up- grade in the lighting system. Membership of the club has fallen since Covid and this has impacted on funding from membership fees with the group struggling to meet insurance requirements.

The CSDS met with representatives of the Club on Wednesday 29th March and will support the club in this regard.

Dublin City Community Enhancement & Support Fund

The Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD), through the Dublin City Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) and Dublin City Council, is funding a **Community Support Fund (CSF)**.

A total of €576,625 is available under this fund

The Programme has a focus on supporting groups in disadvantaged areas. Typical enhancements under the CEP include:

- IT equipment
- improvements to buildings
- renovation of community centres
- development of community amenities
- purchase of equipment for community usage
- improvements to town parks, common areas and energy-saving projects

The closing date for applications under the scheme was Friday 31st March. The CSDS promoted the scheme within the Finglas area and assisted a number of local groups to make applications.

Age Friendly Classes

The chair based exercises and adapted tai chi will commence on the 17th of April at 9.30am in the Finglas Youth Resource Centre, Mellows Road, Finglas, D11 P654.

Due to the popularity of the classes they will now be held in a bigger venue in Finglas Youth Resource Centre which can hold up to 30 participants.

All classes are free. This is a great way to make new friends in the community and keep fit.



People interested in participating in the class should phone 2225421/2225414 or email finglascommunity@dublincity.ie

Launch of Finglas Summer Projects – date change

All Finglas based Summer Projects are invited to an information evening to launch their programmes for 2023.

The launch/information evening date has been changed and the launch will take place on Tuesday 18th of April at 6.00pm in The Den, Finglas South.

The Finglas area has 8 Summer Projects running programmes this year. The projects play an important role in providing positive activities for young people of all ages in the area over the summer months.

Summer Project volunteers will be provided with information packs, application forms and training dates as well as light refreshments for all the volunteers.

Walkability Survey Update

The CSDS are currently working on completing the list of works and Issues that were highlighted from the Griffith Crescent Complex Walkability Survey.

- Residents expressed interest in setting up some activities in the community room. *Complete – DCC Sports officer has been in contact with the residents and will put an exercise programme in place. The Community Team are currently organising another weekly activity programme for residents.*
- Issues with children causing nuisance and noise at the complex – *The Community Team is working with the Parks Department to identify a green space in neighbouring Griffith Heights as a new location for the Finglas Teen Space – This should deter children from hanging around the complex.*
- Bushes/shrubs are hard to maintain in the communal garden. *Complete – Probation services are currently cutting back bushes and clearing weeds from site.*
- Gutters in the complex need to be cleaned and cleared – *Housing Manager has organised cleaning works in the coming weeks.*
- Back wall of communal garden is an eyesore. *Complete – Parks Department will plant wild flowers in April.*
- Uneven paving in a couple of areas of the complex - *Finglas Housing Manager is currently working on resolving this matter.*
- Bin room needs deep clean – *Cleansing Section are currently working on deep clean.*
- Back laneways of the apartment complex need to be weeded and cleared. *Complete – Probation Services are currently working on this area.*
- Planting site at the front of the Community Room needs to be cleaned and cleared. *Complete – Probation Services are currently working on this area.*

Outside Complex Issues

- Pathways need to be cleared of debris and overgrown shrubs – walkway along Glasnevin Downs. *Works in Progress – Contractor procured, awaiting start date.*

- Issues with high amount of illegal dumping behind the fencing along Glasnevin Downs. Fencing is to be taken down and site to be completely cleared. *Works in Progress – Contractor procured, awaiting start date*
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- Need for a bench along Griffith Downs – *A location for the bench will be identified as soon as the fencing and the site is clear.*
- Road signs/markings and dishing – *These issues have been highlighted with the Traffic and Road Maintenance Departments for inspection.*

Finglas West Family Resource Centre Easter Event

The CSDS were delighted to support the Finglas West Family Resource Easter Event. The Easter bunny made his way to Finglas West! There was an exciting Easter Egg Hunt, lots of arts and crafts and goodie bags for all. Over 120 people attended this very successful community event.



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